

HOUSE RESOLUTION 453
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Anne Burnett
Crawford of Williston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Anne Burnett Crawford; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crawford was an exemplary citizen of her community and State and a dedicated civic activist and volunteer who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born March 6, 1930, in Crockett County, the daughter of her late parents, Willie Thomas Burnett and May Alice Parker Burnett, Anne Burnett graduated from Crockett Mills High School and trained to become a Medical Laboratory Technician in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Anne Burnett married Jacob Harrison Crawford on January 8, 1955, and the couple lived in Memphis and Dearborn, Michigan while Mr. Crawford pursued his career as an engineer with Ford Motor Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1959 the Crawfords returned to Mr. Crawford's hometown of Williston where they purchased the local Ford dealership; Mrs. Crawford served as office manager and bookkeeper for the Crawford Ford Automobile Agency until their retirement. Prior to that she had worked as an X-ray and Laboratory Technician for the Armstrong Medical Clinic in Somerville and as a bookkeeper for the Morris Medical Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Anne Burnett Crawford was a strong advocate for the preservation of the history of Fayette County and the town of Williston, serving as historian of her community and church; she was a dedicated volunteer in preserving the historic Asbury Cemetery in Fayette County where early members of the Crawford family are interred, and the

Crawfords open their home, "Francianne," now known as the "Crawford Place" for the Tour of Homes and other fundraising events; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crawford was an active member of the local chapter of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities and recently been elected Chapter President for 2004; she was a charter member of the Fayette County Historical Society where she served in various offices and was instrumental in organizing the Fayette County Bicentennial Celebration held in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Anne Crawford had contributed her time and resources to the restoration and preservation of the Hannum-Rhea House and Cultural Center in Somerville; she and her husband were music lovers and hosted the annual Plectoral Music Society gathering at the Crawford farm for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crawford was an active and devout member of the Williston United Methodist church, in which she served faithfully for many years in numerous activities and as Chairman of the Administrative Board at the time of her death; and

WHEREAS, Anne Crawford was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of 49 years, Jacob Harrison Crawford, and was the beloved sister of Dorothy Townsend and aunt of niece, Shelby Roberts and nephew, Cayce Burnett; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crawford embraced her friends and neighbors with deep affection and kept the doors of her home and her church open to all; she engaged each person with a keen sense of humor, an infectious laugh, and an unfailingly cheerful outlook; and

WHEREAS, Anne Crawford leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional civic activist, community historian and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of

Mrs. Anne Burnett Crawford, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Crawford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.